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TO : Assistant Director, ORE 25X1A9a DATE: 14 October 1948  
FROM : Deputy Assistant Director, OCD P & P  
SUBJECT: Exploitation of Round-Table Conferences within the  
Department of Labor

1. The Department of Labor has informed OCD that round-table conferences are held within the Department when occasioned by the return of Labor representatives from abroad and upon visits of various Foreign Labor representatives. These conferences are attended by the top officials of the Labor Department and are held under the auspices of the Office of International Labor Affairs. The round-table conferences are held on an average of two or three per month.

25X1X4 2. These conferences are more or less "off the record" and are held for the edification of Labor Department employees in that they supplement the official reports. It is the opinion of this Office that CIA could obtain considerable valuable intelligence by [redacted] attendance at these conferences. If in the opinion of the CIA representative attending the round-table, the person from abroad has enough to offer, arrangements will be made through OCD with OO/C to continue the exploitation along the lines of specific requirements formulated by ORE.

25X1C4e 3. In informal discussions with the Labor Department and I & S it was agreed that one person could best represent all interests of CIA at these meetings. By use of one person competent of evaluating and reporting these meetings the visible outside interests of CIA could be held to a minimum. The person appointed to attend the meetings will be introduced to the appropriate Labor Clearing Authority and other pertinent Labor officials who have received previous I & S clearance [redacted]

25X1A9a 4. This plan has been discussed with OO/C. [redacted] states that OO/C will arrange meetings upon request by OCD subsequent to the establishment of ORE requirements.

5. The above outline has been informally approved in principle by I & S. After the appointment of a CIA representative by ORE, the overall procedure will be implemented in conjunction with OO/C and I & S.

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